- Providing training for personnel designated by MoCA in the United States or in Inida;
- Inspecting and celibrating India owned or operated equipment and air navigation facilities;
- Providing resources, logistical support and equipment for air navigation facilities; and
- Providing technical assistance related to the certification of SBAS.
- The Umbrella Agreement will, thus, enable Airports Authority of India (AAI) to sign specific technical assistance agreement in the areas of air traffic control, navigation etc.

Bird-hit cases at IGIA

3505. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of cases of 'bird hit' and 'Nilgai' on runways at the Indira Gandhi International Airport have been reported during the last two years and the amount of losses incurred; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken to check such menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) During the last year (2006), 25 bird hit incidents were reported at the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) as against 35 in 2005. However, no cases of 'Nilgai' on the runway have been reported during the said period. Government does not maintain separate records of losses incurred by airlines due to bird hit incidents.

(b) To avoid bird hit cases, Airfield Environment Management Committees have been constituted at those airport where scheduled flights operate to identify the sources of bird attraction and take remedial steps like proper disposal of garbage, prevention of water logging, coverage of garbage dalaos, establishment of modern abattoirs, scaring and shooting of birds etc., for prevention of bird hit incidents. To prevent 'Nilgais' entering on the runway, the operational area is adequately protected by fencing.